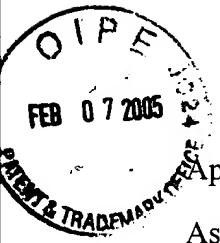


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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated November 1, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring February 1, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.